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Educational Experience

The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.

Junior Ranger Explorer Camp for Underserved Youth

Location: Colorado National Monument, Fruita, Colorado Partner(s): Colorado National Monument Association

Partner Website: www.coloradonma.org

Total Cost: \$26,687.62 Proposal # 137472

Summary: Colorado National Monument proposes to expand their Junior Ranger Program by instituting a Junior Ranger Explorer day camp for local youth ages 9-11. This program will specifically target local, underserved youth who would otherwise be unable to visit the park. The program will be designed to engage youth in place-based, enjoyable, hands-on activities that allow them to explore and discover the significance of the park's resources and introduce them to the national park system and mission. Two 4-weeks camps will be offered for the Junior Ranger Explorer day camp. Each session will cover a new topic, incorporating a Leave No Trace activity, hiking educational games, crafts, and hands-on science. Participants will earn an Explorer Junior Range badge and certificate.

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Junior Rangers Exploring No Thoroughfare Canyon Colorado National Monument